

## Submission Guidelines

### **The 2023 Pollinator Art contest is officially open! This year's theme is "Pollinator Success Stories."**

CIER invites all Indigenous artists and creators to participate in the 2023 "Pollinator Success Stories" Art Contest. The contest is designed to educate youth on why pollinators matter and celebrate pollinator success stories within the community.

Although we may not always see them at work, pollinators affect our lives positively. They help flowers reproduce, providing us with clean air and the food we consume and surrounding us with beauty. Due to humans and climate change, pollinators are in great danger. There are so many ways every one of us can help protect pollinators. We can start today by preserving and creating natural spaces and gardens filled with native plants; we can generate nesting areas, avoid using pesticides and chemicals, and reduce our overall carbon footprint. Not only will this help support our pollinators and protect our food supply, but it will also help heal our planet and ourselves.

Mother Earth nurtures and sustains all forms of life, from the land, air, water, plants, and animals. She provides us with everything we need to survive and guides us toward sacred teachings such as wisdom, humility and respect. Every living being on Earth is connected; we are all her children. We must take care of Mother Earth and respect her many gifts, ensuring a healthy planet for the next Seven generations.

Pollinators are necessary for the Earth's ecosystem, and the art contest celebrates the relationship that is fostered between pollinator beings, plant beings, and human beings.

Artists across Canada of all ages are invited to submit paintings, drawings, garden designs/layouts, sculptures, photography, or any piece of original art that celebrates pollinator success stories and their habitats within the community. Examples of pollinators and their habitats include subjects like bees, beetles, wasps, flies, birds, butterflies, moths, other pollinators, native plants, and pollinator gardens.

Submissions will be used to illustrate a photo book that will be designed for the community and digitally distributed nationally to other First Nations and pollinator protector partners.

Artists are encouraged to submit art for consideration following the guidelines below.

#### **Rules**

- All ages are invited to participate. Parental/Guardian consent is required for release if under 18 years old.
- All art must be original.
- Each artist can submit up to three pieces in total.

#### **Submission Guidelines**

- Submissions should include photo(s) or digital scan(s) of the art piece.
- Ensure the photo or scan is a higher resolution.
- Entry form to be completed along with each submission (mandatory).
- Submissions accepted through [Google Forms](#).

#### **Deadline**

- All art must be submitted by September 5, 2023 (after the long weekend).

### Evaluation Criteria

We have two evaluators from remote communities in Northern Manitoba selected to review submissions. The piece will be judged on the following:

1. Pollinator species identified;
2. Originality, technique, and effort depicting pollinator species; and
3. Level of detail in 250 to 400-word artwork description.
  - Must include why pollinator species should be protected and how the pollinator species can be protected.

### Awards

18 years or Younger	Adults	Elders
1 <sup>st</sup> \$300.00	1 <sup>st</sup> \$300.00	1 <sup>st</sup> \$300.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> \$200.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> \$200.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> \$200.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> \$100.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> \$100.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> \$100.00

The awards are sponsored by The Donner Foundation.

### Award Announcements

Notification of awards is anticipated September 15, 2023 by email.

If you have questions about this contest, you can e-mail Emily Hoppe at [ehoppe@yourcier.org](mailto:ehoppe@yourcier.org).

### Submission Checklist

1.  Fill out the entry form on [Google Forms](#)
2.  Photograph or scan your art piece
3.  Upload and submit the photo/scan(s) along with the entry form